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Appl. No : 10/646,930 Confirmation No.: 1597

Applicant : Legario et al Filed : August 25, 2003

Title : STORAGE STABLE EXPLOSIVE COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING

CHEMICAL COUPLING AGENTS AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING SAME

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Examiner : FELTON, Aileen Baker

Docket No.

Customer No. : 001059

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313–1450

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement which issued on July 12, 2005. This Response is accompanied by a request for a two month extension of time. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Applicant is required to elect a single claim species based upon the composition of the explosive. During the telephone conference with the Examiner of August 25, 2005, the Examiner advised the undersigned that, in order to comply with this requirement, the applicant must elect one type of fuel, one type of coupling agent and one type of any additional addative specified in the claims. The applicant appreciates the clarification of the election requirement issued by the Examiner.

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At this time, the Examiner is advised that the applicant elects diesel oil as the fuel. Diesel oil is specified in claim 10. With respect to the chemical coupling agent, the applicant elects epoxidized vegetable oil. This type of chemical coupling agent is set out in claim 3.

In view of the forgoing, favourable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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